

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

# Anchorage - Sand Lake Elementary School Materials and Equipment for Japanese Immersion Program

**State Funding Requested: \$ 15,000****House District: 27 - N**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Purchase materials books and office equipment for Japanese Immersion Program.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$15,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Sand Lake Elementary School Japanese Immersion Program library needs to replenish and update student parent and teacher materials including books workbooks videos and audio sets at a cost of \$7,000 and office equipment, including replacing an aging and often out-of-service copier, at the cost of \$8,000.

**Project Timeline:**

Books and Materials will be purchased as soon as funds become available

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Tomono Kai - Japanese Immersion Program

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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## Tomono Kai

*Friends of Japanese Immersion - Sand Lake Elementary School*  
7500 Jewel Lake Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99502 (907) 243-7565

Senator Lesil McGuire  
Representative Bob Buch  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

February 20, 2008

Dear Senator McGuire and Representative Buch;

We would first like to thank you for your support of Alaska's young children, and particularly the youth in your district. We would also like to take this opportunity to alert you of a need at Sand Lake Elementary School's Japanese Immersion Program and ask for your assistance in meeting the needs of neighborhood youth.

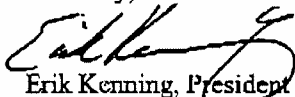
As you may recall, Sand Lake Elementary began the Japanese Immersion Program in 1989. The school has about 330 students participating in the program, kindergarten through sixth grades. The immersion program continues through Mears Middle School and Dimond High. Parents are meaningfully engaged in the program, most of who belong to Tomono Kai, the parent advisory council. Tomono Kai Japanese Education and Exchange Foundation is a non-profit entity for support and promotion of the Anchorage School District's Japanese Immersion Program. Tomono Kai efforts are focused in the following manner:

- Actively plan and support Anchorage, Alaska and Chitose, Japan student exchange and internship program;
- Help foster understanding of the immersion program in the school and community;
- Advise, consult, and assist the school administration with the immersion program;
- Promote the Japanese Immersion Program with family activities and fundraisers; and
- Promote parent involvement and resource sharing between Sand Lake, Mears and Dimond schools.

We wanted to alert you of program needs in hopes that you would consider prioritizing these projects should your district receive discretionary capital funds. The Japanese Immersion Program library needs to replenish and update student, parent and teacher materials including books, workbooks, videos and audio sets at a cost of \$7,000, and office equipment, including replacing an aging and often out-of-service copier, at a cost of \$8,000. With this \$15,000 request, we do not wish to compromise Sand Lake Elementary School's pending FY09 \$20,000 request for capital support of English library materials. Instead, we respectfully request you consider the project on its own merits. For your reference, Tomono Kai's Federal Tax Identification Number is 92-0162774.

Thank you for consideration of our request. We are happy to field your questions regarding Tomono Kai and the Japanese Immersion program. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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